



Church of St. John the Evangelist

Elora, Ontario
Diocese of Niagara

November 22, 2020
11:00 am

Reign of Christ the King
Sunday next before Advent

11:00 am Holy Communion with Quartet (BCP)

Mass Setting **Mass in C**

Gounod

Notes about your participation in this liturgy:

We ask that you wear face masks throughout the liturgy, refrain from congregational singing, and keep your physical distance.

A public washroom is available in the narthex for your use.

Our purpose is to provide a liturgical experience where you feel safe, develop a connection with others, and gain a sense of being spiritually grounded.

This liturgy is being video recorded live for those who are participating with us online from home.

Please turn off your cell phone so it does not interfere with our live stream broadcast.

All of our guidelines, approved by the diocese, are in place to express our care and commitment to one another.

If you have any questions, please ask one of the Sidespeople.

Thank you for your co-operation.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, unto whom all hearts be open, it all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Celebrant: OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

People: **Lord, have mercy upon us, and write both these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Kyrie - Quartet

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT

Celebrant: Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Be seated.

FIRST READING Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Psalm 100

(said responsively by verse)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:

serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves, we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting;

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

as it was at the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GOSPEL Matthew 25.31-46

Please stand as you are able.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel is written in the 25th chapter of the gospel according to Matthew beginning at the 31st verse.

People: **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Reader: Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then

he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Celebrant: I BELIEVE in one God

People: **the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:**

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God, of God; light, of light; very God, of very God; begotten, not made; being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made: who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the prophets. And I believe one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

While there is no offering collected, you can continue to give gifts to support the ministry of St. John's:

- Through E-transfer to treasurer.stjohnselora@gmail.com
- Online at www.niagaraanglican.ca/donate
- Through the mail slot of the Parish Centre door on Geddes Street
- In the stationary Offertory Box inside the EXIT doors of the church

"Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy" - Psalm 126:6

The Quartet will sing a hymn during the Preparation of the Gifts.

HYMN Quartet Crown Him with Many Crowns

INTERCESSIONS

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: Let us pray for Christ's holy Catholic Church.
Let us pray for peace on earth and for the unity of all Christian people.
Let us pray for our all who proclaim the gospel in this community, our diocese and around the world.
Let us remember before God all of our loved ones who have departed this life and are at rest.
Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth.

Leader: ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all people: we humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our alms and oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We beseech thee also to lead all nations in the way of righteousness; and so to guide and direct their governors and rulers, that thy people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace: And grant unto thy servant ELIZABETH our Queen, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and impartially administer justice, to the maintenance of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and specially to thy servant Susan, our Bishop, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and living Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who proclaim the Gospel of thy kingdom among the nations: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and specially to this congregation here present and all those gathered together with us online, that, with meek heart and due reverence, we may hear and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those for whom our prayers are desired..... Lord, in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember before thee, O Lord, all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear:..... and we bless thy holy Name for all who in life and death have glorified thee; beseeching thee to give us grace that, rejoicing in their fellowship, we may follow their good examples, and with them be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Lord in thy mercy.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: YE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and take this holy sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God,

All: **Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: we acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honour and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him: have mercy upon you; pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Leader: Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to him: Come unto me all that labour and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. - *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. - *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith:

This is a true saying, and worthy of all to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. - *1 Timothy 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any one sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins. - *1 St John 2:1, 2.*

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

Quartet stands

Celebrant: The Lord be with you;

Quartet: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts;

Quartet: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God;

Quartet: It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God, Creator and Preserver of all things.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee and saying:

Quartet Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Celebrant: BLESSING and glory and thanksgiving be unto thee Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made

there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again.

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it; and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all, of this; for this is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you;

All: And with thy Spirit.

All: **WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, Trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

Be seated.

Quartet Agnus Dei

Administration of Communion

Please stay in your seat as the sacrament will be brought to you. If you prefer not to receive the sacrament, you are invited to cross your hands over your chest to indicate that you would prefer a blessing from the priest.

When you receive the sacrament, please wait until the communion minister is beyond your two meter physical distance before removing your face mask and consuming the host (bread).

The sacrament is offered in one kind only.

The Celebrant partakes of the chalice on behalf of the entire community, gathered in person and online.

Anthem (*Quartet*) *Tantum Ergo*

De Severac

*Tantum ergo sacramentum
veneremur cernui,
et antiquum documentum
novo cedat ritui;
praestet fides supplementum
sensuum defectui.*

*Therefore so great a Sacrament
Let us fall down and worship,
And let the old law
Give way to a new rite,
And let faith stand forward
To make good the defects of sense.*

*Genitori Genitoque
laus et iubilatio,
salus, honor, virtus quoque
sit et benedictio;
procedenti ab utroque
compar sit laudatio.
Amen.
To the Father and the Son
Be praise and joy,
Health, honour and virtue
And blessing,
And to him proceeding from both
Be equal praise.
Amen.*

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant: Let us pray.
OUR Father

***All:* who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee that thou dost graciously feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious body and blood of thy Son our saviour Jesus Christ; assuring us thereby of thy favour and goodness towards us; and that we are living members of his mystical body, which is the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope of thy everlasting kingdom.

***All:* And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee.
And although we are unworthy, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.**

BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Allegro Marstoso from Sonata 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

***To avoid congestion and maintain physical distance
please remain in your seat until a Sidesperson
gives you the signal that it is safe to leave.
Thank you for your cooperation.***

*Thank you for your participation today.
We hope that you feel safe, connected to others, and spiritually grounded.*

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Barbara and Bill Gow's wedding anniversary.

If you would like flowers in memory of loved ones or to celebrate an occasion
please contact Elaine Dightam at elaine.dightam@gmail.com

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Announcements for November 22, 2020

Join Us

You are invited to join in the Coffee Hour today at 1:30 on Zoom. Please ask one of the clergy for the link.

Today's Service

Today's service is livestreamed to the St. John's Elora YouTube Channel and posted on Facebook.

The Order of Service, the full text of the Sermon, and a link to the video are posted on our website under “Current Sunday Service.”

Attending In-Person:

To satisfy the need to answer screening questions, and to help us plan, Registration is required each week to attend an in-person liturgy.

You can register online at www.stjohnselora.ca before Friday at 6pm; or you can call and leave a message at the Parish Centre 519-846-5911 before Wednesday at noon.

If you have any questions about your reservation, please contact Thomas at reservations.stjohnselora@gmail.com

PLEASE check your Inbox or Junk Box for a confirmation email from noreply.datariverhosting.com

St. John’s Liturgy Online

Look for a mid week liturgy every Wednesday, alternating between Morning and Evening Prayer, and a selection of liturgical or sacred music called “*Choral Thursday*” prepared by John, Jurgen, and the members of the Parish Choir every Thursday. It is posted on the St. John’s Elora YouTube and Facebook page.

Pastoral Letters

If you would like a print out of the weekly Pastoral Letter sent out on Friday, you can pick up a copy at the EXIT door when you leave. If you have access to the internet and would like to receive the weekly Pastoral Letters from the Rector by email, please contact Paul at rector.stjohnselora@gmail.com

Conversation on “Why are We Here? A Meditation on Canada”

Join Paul and Judy for two conversations on Mary Jo Leddy’s book, “Why are We Here? Meditation on Canada” this Wednesday November 25 and December 2 at 4:00pm on Zoom. The link was included in Friday’s Pastoral Letter, but if you didn’t get it, let Paul know.

Advent Lessons and Carols

Next Sunday we begin a new year with the first Sunday of Advent. To begin the season you and your family and friends are invited to a special service available at St. John’s Elora YouTube Channel on Sunday November 29 at 7:00pm. Share the service with others so they can “join” in safely from home to mark the beginning of the Advent season. John, Jurgen, the choir, and some parishioners have prepared a very special service of Advent Lessons and Carols for you to enjoy safely at home.

Christmas Lessons and Carols

The Bishop is joining John, Jurgen, and members of the Parish Choir to offer a special service of Christmas Lessons and Carols for people across the diocese. It will be live-streamed on Sunday December 20 at 7:00pm.

This is also an opportunity for the Bishop to profile the good work of the Bishop’s Company. To that end we are invited to pre-register for the service on the diocesan website. The first 100 people to register will receive a copy of the new CD prepared by the parish choir: “Here’s your Figgy Pudding 2020!”

Bishop's Company

The Bishop's Company raises funds to allow the bishop to extend support to clergy and lay leaders in the diocese who are in crisis, transition, or need during the year. The fund also supports theological students. Typically the Bishop's Company has an annual dinner event in the spring and a wine and cheese reception in the fall, but this year we are meeting on Zoom. It all happens Monday November 30th beginning at 7:00pm. You can find out more at the homepage for Diocese of Niagara. Bishop Susan will be interviewing Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of Canada, and you will have an opportunity to ask the Primate any question you like (well... within reason!). Ask Paul or Judy for more information.